

*City of San José*  
***Coyote Valley Specific Plan***

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**Summary of Task Force Meeting**  
**March 12, 2007**  
**City Hall, Committee Rooms W118-120**

**Task Force Members Present**

Co-Chair Councilmember Forrest Williams, Co-Chair Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Supervisor Don Gage, Eric Carruthers, Helen Chapman, Gladwyn D'Sousa, Russ Danielson, Craige Edgerton, Melissa Hippard, Doreen Morgan, Chris Platten, Ken Saso, Steve Schott, Jr., and Steve Speno.

**Task Force Members Absent**

Chuck Butters, Pat Dando, Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins, Dan Hancock, and Neil Struthers.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members Present**

Dawn Cameron (County Roads), Mike Griffis (Santa Clara County Roads), Pamela Vasudeva (Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority), and Kerry Williams (Coyote Housing Group).

**City and Other Public Agencies Staff Present**

Lee Wilcox (Council District 10), Colleen Valles (Office of Supervisor Don Gage), Laurel Prevetti (PBCE), Stan Ketchum (PBCE), Jared Hart (PBCE), Stefanie Hom (PBCE), Perihan Ozdemir (PBCE), and Regina Mancera (PBCE).

**Consultants Present**

Ken Kay (KenKay Associates) and Roger Shanks (Dahlin Group).

**Community Members Present** (Additional people were present; however, the names below only reflect individuals who identified themselves on the sign-up sheet.)

Tom Armstrong, Mireya Avila, Pete Benson, Julie Ceballos, Roger Costa, Consuelo Crosby, Jo Crosby, Mini Damodaran, Jim Doyle, Robert Eltgroth, Donna Feuerhelm, Leila Forouhi, Jessica

Frowlm, Paul Hebert, Monica Heger, Kathleen Hoffman, Virginia Holtz, Gabrel Ibarra, Mark Medeiros, Maralee Potter, Peter Rothschild, Margaret Rodrigues, Timothy Sage, Annie Saso, Martin Seebach, Pauline Seebach, Miguel Silva, Sharon Simonson, Shelle Thomas, Dave Tymm, Don Weden, and Michael Woods.

## **1. Welcome**

The meeting convened at approximately 5:30 p.m. with Co-Chair Councilmember Forrest Williams welcoming everyone to the Coyote Valley Specific Plan (CVSP) Task Force meeting.

Co-Chair Councilmember Forrest Williams called for a motion to defer item #4, Additional Discussion/Comments on the Initial Draft of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan, to the next Task Force meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. Acceptance of February 12, 2007 Task Force Meeting Summary**

Co-chair Councilmember Forrest Williams called for a motion to accept the February 12, 2007 Task Force meeting summary. The motion passed unanimously.

## **3. Presentation of “Two Rivers Run Through It”, a Vision for Coyote Valley**

Stan Ketchum, Principal Planner with the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement, introduced the Principal of Los Paseos Elementary School in Morgan Hill, Rhoda Wolfskehl, and fifth grade teacher, John McPherson. Mr. McPherson’s 2005 fifth grade class is responsible for putting together the short film, “Two Rivers Run Through It”, which is a historical study of the Coyote Valley and Los Paseos area.

Principal Wolfskehl, Mr. McPherson, and Pat Blonar, the Director of Curriculum and Assessment of Morgan Hill Unified School District, gave an overview of the film, and discussed their inspiration behind it. They introduced the students who did the research and created the film.

The short film, “Two Rivers Run Through It”, depicted several of the key historical events of the Coyote Valley and Los Paseos area, from the Muwekma Indians from 10,000 years ago to the Butterfield Stage and railroad of 1860.

The students of Los Paseos Elementary School provided the following comments:

- Suggested having an exhibit showcasing all the plants in Coyote Valley, i.e. nuts, seeds, and plant materials used for the construction of houses.
- Learned a lot about celebrations from their research.
- Los Paseos Elementary School and Martin Murphy Middle School were both named after

people from Coyote Valley.

- The Black Walnut trees are important. Should plant more Black Walnut trees in Coyote Valley.
- Suggested that a committee be formed to keep Coyote Valley clean.
- Suggested creating an animal preserve since there are a lot of animals in Coyote Valley.
- Suggested having a lot of art, such as statues of Coyotes throughout Coyote Valley, similar to the Shark statues in San Jose.

The Task Force provided the following comments:

- Commended the students and advisors. Do not be afraid to bring ideas about the development of Coyote Valley forward.
- The CVSP has been in progress for over five years. The Task Force has thought of some of the things presented.
- It is enjoyable to see what kids ideas are – they are great ideas.
- It is important to preserve some of the land.
- The student's ideas will be considered.
- It is a struggle to create relevancy to kids. Thanked the students and advisors for their efforts and encouraged them to stay involved.
- Appreciated the students' input.

The public provided the following comments:

- Mark Anthony Medeiros, a student from San Jose State University, commended the students' work. It is beautiful to talk about the importance of Coyote Valley. Glad the students had an opportunity to visit Coyote Valley. Suggested showing the video to San Jose State University students.
- Leila Forouhi, a student from San Jose State University, asked if the City contacted the people who are native to Coyote Valley during the archeological dig process. *Laurel Prevetti, Deputy Director with the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement, indicated that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will have an archeological report. It is common practice to protect and preserve areas of archeological significance.*

#### **4. Additional Discussion/Comments on the Initial Draft of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan**

*This item was deferred to the next Task Force meeting.*

#### **5. Adjourn**

Co-chair Councilmembers Forrest Williams thanked everyone for coming and complimented the students on their hard work.

The Task Force provided the following comments and questions (please note that comments are shown first, followed by responses in italics):

- When will the EIR be released? *Stan indicated they are aiming to release the EIR by late March. The EIR would be discussed at the next Task Force meeting.*
- It should have been made clearer that the EIR would be delayed. Some Task Force members were not notified. *Laurel indicated that the primary way of contact is through e-mail and they will make sure to include a printout of the e-mail for those who receive hard copies.*
- Was the EIR notice separate from the Task Force meeting agenda notice? *Yes.*
- Will the comment period for the EIR be 60 days after the release? *Yes.*
- When would the financing plan be released? *Laurel indicated it would be released after the release of the EIR and additional plan refinement. They would work with an economist to make sure information is up-to-date.*
- Will there be an update of the Santa Clara Valley Water District meeting at the next Task Force meeting? *Laurel indicated the Water District will not be taking action at that meeting. They will just be accepting the report.*
- The City Council study sessions and Planning Commission study session are not shown on the schedule. *Laurel indicated the Planning Commission study session will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. There will be several study sessions with the City Council, but there are no set dates yet.*
- Some people are not receiving notices. *Laurel indicated they will make sure the Task Force will be notified of all Coyote Valley meetings. Staff will regularly update the Coyote Valley calendar on the website.*
- The Water Supply Evaluation (WSE) indicated that there would be enough water to last until 2020. But after 2030, there would need to be another reservoir. *Laurel indicated that the WSE identifies options after 2020. The Water District does not need to pick and fund any of those options right now.*

Co-Chair Councilmember Williams adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The next Task Force meeting will take place on April 16, 2007.